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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**RESPONSE TO THE BOARD CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF MARIJUANA
DISPENSED FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES**

On May 31, 2005, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed an interim moratorium ordinance that temporarily banned medical marijuana dispensaries from opening within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. This moratorium was set for 45 days to allow the Department of Regional Planning and the Planning Commission time to initiate a zoning study and to make recommendations for appropriate land use regulations for such facilities.

On June 10, 2005, the County obtained a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against the "California Medical Caregiver's Association" from operating a medical marijuana dispensary at 15838 Haliburton Street, Hacienda Heights.

On June 14, 2005, the Board directed the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to report ... "on enforcement of the interim moratorium ordinance in unincorporated areas, pending the County's regulations."

The temporary restraining order describes a medical marijuana dispensary as any facility or location where marijuana is made available, sold, transported, given, or otherwise provided to qualified individuals in accordance with Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, and Senate Bill 420.

The only known dispensary located in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County is the "California Medical Caregiver's Association," 15838 Haliburton Street, Hacienda Heights.

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